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10 YEARS AGO

Medford fire department representatives appear before city council to request increase in department staff from eight to 12 men.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: There are no fireworks in the primary election campaign.

20 YEARS AGO

Rogue valley orchardists attend meeting in Seattle to discuss shipment of fruit to east coast by refrigerated steamships.

Jackson county candidates for public office meet in two-inning baseball game at Jacksonville.

30 YEARS AGO

Project shortening of Green Springs highway from Ashland to Klamath Falls by approximately 30 miles reported nearing completion.

William M. Colvig issues statement demanding that all candidates for Jackson county offices state whether they are, or have been affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan.

40 YEARS AGO

Editorial in The Mail Tribune comments on proposed initiative measure fixing a minimum wage for men of \$2.50 a day and \$1.75 a day for women; great opposition to measure expected because of "large amount" of minimum wage.

Medford moving picture theater advertisement a n o u n c e s "4000 feet of film including the Passion Play, President Taft and his cabinet, The Forgotten Dancing Shoes, Al Sather, the singer, and Woolworths, the musicians. Matinees daily. Admission 5 and 10 cents."

Navy Reserve Group Given Commendation

Men of the Navy Reserve electronics company, 13-5, were commended Monday evening during an annual inspection of the unit in the Federal building by officers from the 13ND headquarters, Seattle, Wash.

Making the commendation was Commander Hill, one of the inspectors, who pointed out the importance of continuation in the training of men in the electronic field. Other inspectors were Lieutenant-Commander Tompkins and Lieutenant-Commander Lang.

The company meets here every Monday evening in the Federal building at 33 North Riverside avenue. Anyone interested in what the Navy reserve has to offer in training in electronics is asked to attend. Information may be obtained on weekdays by contacting the stationkeeper in the Federal building, telephone 2-2566.

Each automobile spark plug fires about 15,000,000 times in 10,000 miles of driving.

Unfinished Business

There's some unfinished business facing Jackson county residents. It is important business, something that should be taken care of without further delay. We refer to the Red Cross fund campaign.

AFTER careful consideration of the chapter's budget for the coming year, and after lopping off here and pinching in there, \$27,490 was fixed as the minimum amount which it is necessary to raise. Contributions to date, however, are only \$18,821 and the drive has apparently bogged down to such an extent that little more can be expected unless there is a distinct revival of solicitation interest and activity and an outpouring from pocketbooks which so far have been closed or at least not opened wide enough.

Shady Cove and Applegate are the only outlying areas which have contributed more than last year. The other neighborhoods are mostly far below and one of the largest suburban towns in the valley has contributed only \$30 as compared with the total of \$368 sent in by its residents last year.

EDWARD BRANCHFIELD, president of the Jackson county chapter, points out that it is especially regrettable that the Red Cross campaign has fared poorly this particular year. The chapter, along with the increased local demands upon its resources, is sharing with the other units of the nation's relief organization greater and more pressing outlays than usual.

Locally the blood program has brought an added financial burden as the Bloodmobile operating costs are pro rated among the chapters and there are other expenses incident to the service.

WHILE the federal government has appropriated huge sums for rehabilitation work in the flood-scourged Missouri River valley, Branchfield emphasized that none of that money goes to individual relief—it is to be spent in rebuilding roads, bridges, restoration of water and sewage systems, and the like. The Red Cross has largely shouldered the task of finding shelter for and in feeding the thousands driven from their homes by the rising waters.

It is hard for us, in this favored region, to visualize or to comprehend the utter desolation, suffering and misery left in the wake of the flood. Not only have homes been badly damaged or completely destroyed, but crops and much livestock have been lost.

Thousands of acres of once rich farm land have been left a muddy mess on which no cultivating or seeding can be done until too late for this year.

Those forced to evacuate will have nothing to go on for months to come after returning to their homes and lands and the relief demand will be tremendous.

THE Missouri valley flood sufferers are our neighbors, within the relief range of the Red Cross, President Branchfield points out, and we should help them just as we would help a next-door neighbor similarly in need.

Here is a suggestion for Jackson county people who have not been contacted in behalf of the Red Cross, also for those who have already given but would like to make an additional contribution:

Draw a check now, in favor of "Red Cross," stuff it in an envelope addressed to "Red Cross, Courthouse, Medford, Ore.," and mail it as soon as possible. Let's finish that unfinished business.—E.C.F.

Parks Try Trash Bags

The National Park Service will try a new approach to the roadside trash problem this season.

John B. Wosky, new superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, has received word from the park service headquarters in Washington, D.C., that "trash bags" will be tried in a number of western parks, more than a half million having been ordered for the initial distribution.

THE bags bear the inscription: "This is your trash bag. Please use it as a container for your waste-paper, tin cans, bottles and other debris and deposit it or empty it in one of the trash cans provided for your convenience."

Asking the travelers' help in maintaining the beauty of the national parks, the inscription adds: "Trash along roadsides is a national problem. You can help solve it by carrying and using containers similar to this wherever you may travel."

Park officials state that the trash bag plan originated in Mount Rainier National Park two years ago and the first season it was tried the quantity of debris thrown along the roadsides there diminished sharply.

THE trash bag idea could be used to advantage by all automobile travelers. It needn't be confined to national parks. Any stout paper bag will do and the widespread use of such bags, and disposal of the trash that accumulates in them in proper places, instead of just heaving it out of the car, would mean a more attractive looking countryside.—E.C.F.

Roosevelt Students Set Spring Musical

Roosevelt grade school will present a spring musical Friday, May 9, 7:45 p.m., in the school auditorium to which the public is invited, according to John Childers, principal.

The program will feature the 100-voice choir of the fifth and sixth grades, bands and orchestra selections, and numbers by the fourth grade square dancers and singers.

Admission is free, the principal added.

Phoenix Parents Agree To Pay Burglary Damage

Phoenix—Four teen-agers who broke into the grade school cafeteria at Phoenix on April 24 and burglarized it have been apprehended and their parents have agreed to settle for the damage, Police Chief Marvin Fisher said Tuesday.

Chief Fisher also stated several juveniles have been apprehended who were breaking out street lights and action has been taken to prevent recurrences of the vandalism.

Delevere King, Granite Trust Tower Quincy 69, Mass.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"You're saying exactly what the truck driver I ran into said. If you're going to bawl me out, why can't you be original?"

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Prefers Haviland to Nunley

To the Editor: I have read with skepticism Mr. Nunley's remarks in your paper against our present district attorney Mr. Paul Haviland. It appears to me one of Mr. Nunley's qualifications is that he wants a job. Fortunately, most of the voters will not fall for Nunley's propaganda as they will recognize it as the voice of one of the outs that wants in. I would suggest Nunley live in our county for a few more years, to get better acquainted with our problems and let people get better acquainted with him before he asks us to elect him to the important office of district attorney, merely on the strength of his allegation that he will do a good job.

While Mr. Nunley speaks freely of our so-called lawless community from his 18 months residence, those of us who have lived here for 30 or 40 years may not be aware of these horrible conditions as a matter of fact a lot of people believe we have a county of which we can well be proud.

Mr. Nunley himself announced on or about February 20 to representatives of the press and radio that minor controlled gambling would always be with us in Jackson county. He realized then that a limited amount of gambling in private clubs for charity was a practical solution to an age old problem. Apparently he is now against all gambling including penny ante poker games. It's illegal, he says, but if Mr. Nunley intends to put all the people that match for a cup of coffee in jail he would be busy indeed. Personally I think it more important for the district attorney to prosecute the serious criminal element of the community. Most people agree Paul Haviland has done a first rate job of this without fan fare and at a minimum of expense to the taxpayers. He has handled the criminal problems of the county firmly but fairly.

If Mr. Nunley had evidence of a deplorable criminal influence in our Rogue River valley why didn't he sign a complaint which was his duty as an American citizen or didn't he notice it until he became a candidate for office?

I am happy to note Mr. Haviland has to resort to an outside law practice to make a living, thus, we are assured he is not getting it on the side as Mr. Nunley might infer.

David B. Lowry Phoenix, Ore.

Taft Man Now for "Ike"

To the Editor: I was for Taft—now I am for Eisenhower.

Taft was first in his class at Yale—he was first in his class at Harvard law school—he is first in the United States Senate. "Mr. Republican" would be a good President.

But, Walter Lippman points out that the Gallup Poll gives 40% of the voters Democratic, 32% Republican, 28% Independent. Thus with a voting population of 55 million, there are about 22 million Democrats, only 17.5 million Republicans, and 15.5 million Independents. Thus for the Republicans to win, they must get the support of most of the Independents.

After 20 years of Democratic rule, a change is vital for the nation. Corruption and inefficiency come by having either the Democratic or the Republican party in power too long.

Now Taft might win, but Eisenhower—the master of men—the popular personality—will surely win.

And we need a sure winner—Eisenhower.

Delevere King, Granite Trust Tower Quincy 69, Mass.

Prefers Doctor for Coroner

To the Editor: It seems that a great number of the people think we should have a doctor for county coroner.

Well, we agree 100 per cent and we think Dr. Vogel would be the right person for that position.

Our reasons are he is a good physician and surgeon and also is a very kind person always doing a kind deed for someone. Very few people you find now days that have any feelings for the other fellow, so let's keep a good man in Medford when we find one and anchor him a little deeper.

Let's make Dr. M. P. Vogel our next county coroner. Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Compton 1984 Myers Lane, Medford.

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What Goes on at the Capital. Furnished by Congressional Quarterly News Features.

Q.—It's been quite a while since William Oatis, the newest man, was imprisoned in Czechoslovakia. Is Congress doing anything about it?

A.—Rep. John V. Beamer (R. Ind.) April 23 introduced a resolution to investigate what actions have been taken by the government for the release of Oatis, an Associated Press correspondent in Prague. Oatis was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment July 4, 1951, for "espionage." The U.S. called the trial a farce.

Q.—Why did the President approve U.S. aid to the Dutch after they shipped strategic goods to Communist Poland?

A.—Mr. Truman April 23 said he authorized continued Netherlands aid because the small amount of oil exploration equipment that nation shipped to Poland would not "add significantly" to Soviet oil production. Congress last year passed a law to halt aid to nations trading in strategic goods with the Reds, but allowed the President to make exceptions in some cases.

What are the chances of the Republicans winning control of the Senate this year?

A.—Unless there is a GOP landslide, the Democrats probably will retain control, no matter who wins the Presidency. This is why: With the present four-set Democratic margin (50-46), the Republicans would have to make a net gain of three seats to win a bare majority (49-47). Of the 34 Senate seats on the election block, 20 are Republican, which gives the GOP more chances for defeat. In addition, half the Democratic seats on the ballot are in normally Democratic territory.

Q.—Why was Dr. Edward A. Rumsely cleared of contempt of Congress after he refused to turn over his organization's records to lobby probes?

A.—An appeals court, voiding Rumsely's April 18, 1951, conviction, ruled 2-1 April 29, 1952, that the House Lobby Investigation Committee in 1950 did not have authority to require Rumsely to furnish names of purchasers of CCG literature. The in-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: The feeling is growing in top military circles that Russia won't be ready for war in the near future... Maybe she hasn't enough steel—yet... Maybe she hasn't enough oil—yet... Maybe she thinks our atom bomb pile is too big to buck—yet.

Maybe she thinks she's doing so well with the cold war that she can see no good reason to get all snarled up in a hot war. And so on.

DO YOU reckon that could be just wishful thinking? Or is it deliberate election year propaganda?

Or— Conceivably— Could it be the TRUTH?

I HATE to entertain the thought that this statement that maybe Russia isn't PRESENTLY so dangerous, along with its connotation that perhaps after all we haven't so much to worry about right now, could be election year propaganda. Even toying with such an idea leaves one feeling a little smirched and dirty.

But, after all, so much hinges on this election year and its results. So much POWER is at stake. One of the grim lessons of history is that when vast power is at stake those who hold it are apt to stop at nothing in order to make sure of RETAINING it.

And propaganda is so LARGE a part of our modern political picture.

MORE than mere political power could be at stake in this election year. The ultimate framework of our form of government could be in the balance.

For the past couple of decades we have been drifting notably toward a government of men and away from the ideal of a government of LAWS. In a government of laws, a lot of men who have been chosen in one form or another by the people get together and make the laws. In a government of men, ONE MAN CAN ISSUE A DECREE.

The historical pattern of democracy is first a government of laws in which the laws enacted by the people or their representatives are administered by men. Then MEN begin to collect POWER in their hands. The time comes when, in order to RETAIN their power, they clash with the representatives of the people who make the laws. If they are victorious in these clashes, the time comes when they begin to INTERPRET the laws.

Then— If their power remains unbroken— The time comes when MEN begin to issue DECREES. At first, little decrees. Then, if they get away with it, bigger decrees. When men can issue decrees, there is no longer a government of laws, but instead there is a government of men. Democracy in Greece went through that process. Democracy in Rome went through that process. In BOTH, democracy eventually faded out into dictatorship.

BUT let's quit indulging in long-winded dissertations on political trends and get down to cases. What I want, above everything else, is leadership that I can believe and trust. I find a lot of people who feel the same way about it. I think that is the explanation of the highly unusual Eisenhower movement. A lot of us believe we can trust him.

I GO FARTHER than that. I feel that I can trust Governor Earl Warren, of our close neighbor state of California. If it should happen that there is a deadlock in the Republican convention and Governor Warren emerged as the nominee, I would feel that the leadership of the Republican party is in good hands.

Governor Warren is in Southern Oregon today for short appearances before he moves on toward other regions of our state. We hope he stops on his way back and talks with us at greater length.

Anyway, let's give him a cordial welcome and a thoughtful and intelligent hearing in the short time that he is here.

formation was sought to probe indirect lobbying (influencing public opinion on legislation). The Court said indirect lobbying was not subject to Congressional control. (Copyright 1952, Congressional Quarterly)

Chance Good To Lose Peace on Two Fronts

By PHIL NEWSOM United Press Foreign Analyst

We could lose the peace in both Germany and Italy through conditions not entirely under our control.

Middle of the road parties in both countries are finding it increasingly hard to hold the line against pressure from both right and left. And that means that a year from now both Premier Alcide de Gasperi of Italy and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany either could find themselves out of office or powerless.

Both men have been firm friends of the West in the struggle against Communism, but both rule by coalitions which are increasingly unstable.

Both have been in power since the organization of their respective governments after World War II. De Gasperi took office on Dec. 10, 1945, and Adenauer went in on Sept. 15, 1949.

Trouble Expected The trouble in which both men find themselves was to be expected as their nations slowly recovered from the horrors and destruction of defeat in war, and then, with a return of self confidence, turned more and more toward strictly national problems.

It was inevitable that the middle-of-the-roads gradually would lose favor with a widening group on both left and right.

In neither case does it mean an increase in Communist popularity, but in Italy's case it could mean Communist control. Coalition Premium Paid De Gasperi is hampered not only by domestic differences but also by the peculiarities of the electoral law which pays a premium to broad coalitions.

Thus, in this month's local council elections, should the Communist and left-wing coalition win the largest bloc of votes, it automatically will be entitled to two-thirds of the council seats at stake.

The Communists and their allies are tightly organized, in contrast to the bickering among groups which support De Gasperi, and there is a real worry that the Communists will seize control of Rome's city hall as well as many others throughout southern Italy and Sardinia and Sicily.

De Gasperi Wins Credit De Gasperi won great national credit with his success in getting war guilt clauses and limitations on Italy's armed strength removed from the 1947 peace treaty. But he is a poor public speaker and there is increasing restlessness because of high living costs, tax reforms, unemployment and alleged delay in repairing flood damage.

Adenauer's case is similar. As West Germany emerged slowly toward normalcy after the war, Adenauer was a natural as chancellor because he always had favored close working arrangements with the French and he had been a foe of the Nazis. Now, however, he is under fire because he once was closely associated with advocates of an independent Rhine

state. His political opponents say he is a poor friend of German unity.

German Food Exported In Germany's case it is difficult to see how even the forecast most advocates of German unity would take a chance on a state under Russian domination. It is hard to find a pre-war automobile in West Germany, and food is so plentiful that it now is being exported to the United States. West Germans have only to contrast that situation with East Germany where 20,000,000 Germans live on short rations, under iron dictatorship and hermetically sealed from all contact with the West.

The situations in both Italy and West Germany simply seem to prove that nations as well as people worry more about ambitions of the moment than about tomorrow.

Meet the Candidates

Editor's note: This is one of a series of statements furnished by candidates for local office in the primary election May 16. They are being published by The Mail Tribune as a free service to the candidates, and for the information of readers wishing to inform themselves of candidates' positions relative to their candidacy.

By LOYD W. WHITNEY Democrat For County Commissioner

Serving the taxpayers and residents of the county as commissioner entails the management



LOYD W. WHITNEY

of all affairs and disbursing of tax dollars according to law. This is no light responsibility; it is a full time job and not a position one can hold in light regard.

I will take the job and work at it, attempting to do the most good for the majority of the County residents.

If you are now satisfied with the management of your county affairs then don't vote for me!

Save Now! Funds invested here by May 10 will earn dividends from May 1

COURT RECORDS

POLICE COURT Vernon C. Robinson, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5. Richard Pruitt, void motor vehicle license, \$5. Fred L. Walker, overnight parking, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT Raymond F. Holman, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$5. Alice P. McCarl, no operator's license, \$5. Melvin Allen, overload, \$10. Roy Benjamin Conner, overload, \$17.50. Jack Dee Myers, overload, \$65. Werner John Strahlender, no motor vehicle license, \$5. Bob C. Reynolds, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10. Eugene E. Edwards, overload, \$15.

CIRCUIT COURT Mary June Bohling vs. Fred W. Bohling, divorce decree. George A. Lipscomb vs. Eva E. Lipscomb, divorce complaint.

Dead time Sunday Classifieds is a 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

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